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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8439

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG

SUBJ: ALLEGED OFFER OF QUANTITY CRUDE OIL FROM PERSIAN

GULF AREA

1. EMBOFF RECEIVED CALL AUGUST 9 FROM ALLEGED U.S. CIT
RESIDENT CAPE TOWN OFFERING SELL BULK CRUDE OIL TO INTERESTED
U.S. FIRMS. CALLER, WHO IDENTIFIED SELF AS MR. RAY GABRIEL OF
OVERSEAS MARKETING COMPANY, 601 BOSTON HOUSE, STRAND ST.,
CAPE TOWN, SAID HE HAD COMMISSION TO SELL 25 MILLION TONS
CRUDE PER YEAR FOR THREE YEARS AT FIVE PERCENT BELOW CURRENT
PRICE. ADDED THAT HE UNFAMILIAR WITH OIL BUSINESS AND THAT
HE ACTING ON BEHALF THIRD PARTY (UNIDENTIFIED), BUT THAT HE
UNDERSTOOD PRICE QUOTATION RELATED PERSIAN GULF POSTED PRICE.

2. GABRIEL EITHER UNABLE OR UNWILLING IDENTIFY SPECIFIC
SOURCE OF SUPPLY BUT STATED THAT ORIGIN OF CRUDE WAS PERSIAN
GULF AREA. WHEN QUERIED, HE STATED THAT TANKERS AVAILABLE.
RE TERMS OF SALE, GABRIEL INDICATED THAT SELLER WOULD REQUIRE
PAYMENT IN COUNTRY OTHER THAN ORIGIN OF OIL, COMMENTING THAT
SOMEONE THERE PROBABLY FEATHERING OWN NEST. QUERIED WHETHER
THIS ROYALTY OR COUNTRY SHARE CRUDE, GABRIEL PROFESSED HAVE
NO INFORMATION SUCH ASPECT.

3. NEITHER EMBASSY NOR CONGEN CAPE TOWN HAS ANY INFORMATION
ON GABRIEL, HIS PARTNER (SOUTH AFRICAN CIT MR. FNU BLAU),
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OR OVERSEAS MARKETING COMPANY. WHILE CANNOT EXCLUDE

POSSIBILITY THAT PROPOSAL HAS SOME BASIS, PECULIARITIES
NOTED ABOVE SUGGEST CONFIDENCE GAME SOMEWHERE ALONG LINE OR
MAJOR IRREGULARITY AT POINT OF ORIGIN. WILL MAKE FOLLOW-UP
INQUIRIES IF DEPARTMENT WISHES.
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